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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In acknowledgement of the final Office Action dated October 17, 2008, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A complete listing of the claims, with amendments to incorporate underlying limitations, and Remarks/Arguments follow.

Authorization is provided to charge/credit Deposit Account 50-0996 (NXPS.531PA) \$220.00 for one additional independent claim, plus any requisite fees/overages to enter this paper.